

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Revenue Department - Village Administration - Providing compassionate appointment to the spouse / dependent children of the deceased Village Revenue Officers and to the spouse / dependent children of the deceased Part-time Assistants as Village Revenue Officer - Amendment to Andhra Pradesh Village Revenue Officers Service Rules, 2008 - Orders - Issued.

REVENUE (VA) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 158

Dated 13-02-2009

Read the following:

- 1) G.O.Ms.No.369, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development (Mandal-II) Department, dated 12.12.2001
- 2) G.O.Ms.No.773, Revenue (VO) Department, dated 31.12.2001.
- 3) G.O.Ms.No.446, Revenue (VO) Department, dated 24.7.2002.
- 4) G.O.Ms.No.39, Revenue (VA) Department, dated 11.01.2008.
- 5) Representations of the Andhra Pradesh Village Revenue Officers Association dated 26.10.2007, 29.10.2007, 18.12.2007, 01.01.2008, 19.01.2008 & 19.6.2008.
- 6) Representation of Andhra Pradesh Revenue Services Association dated 25.01.2008
- 7) From Chief Minister's Office CMP No.683/2008, dated 21.01.2008.
- 8) From the Chief Minister's Office CMP No.3587/2008, dated 4.4.2008.
- 9) From the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Hyderabad Rc.No.A2/195/2008-2, dt.9.4.2008.

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ORDER:

In the G.O. first read above, Government have decided to strengthen local bodies and accordingly orders were issued to create Panchayat Secretaries posts in Gram Panchayats. As a part of the administrative reforms, the services of the Village Administrative Officers working in Villages and the urban areas under the administrative control of the Revenue Department were transferred and placed at the disposal of the Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department / Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department, for utilizing their services in the Gram Panchayats / Municipalities / Municipal Corporations. The qualified Village Administrative Officers who have opted for the post of Panchayat Secretary were given the Pay Scale as indicated in the G.O. first read above.

2. In G.O. second read above Government ordered that the unqualified Village Administrative Officers and those who have not opted, though qualified for the post of Panchayat Secretary, will be categorized as Part-time Assistants and will be placed at the disposal of the respective Gram Panchayats / Municipalities / Municipal Corporations in their present place of work. The Part-time Assistants shall be paid the honorarium prevailing at that time. Government also ordered that necessary service rules and the job chart for the Panchayat Secretaries / Part-time Assistants will be issued separately. But no service rules have been issued to the category of Part-time Assistants so far.

3. Further in G.O. third read above Government issued orders sanctioning the exgratia of Rs.25,000/- to the dependents of the deceased Village Administrative Officers in lieu of compassionate appointment, as the post of Village Administrative Officer ceased to exist, with effect from 1.1.2002 i.e., after creation of Panchayat Secretary post.

4. Subsequently, in G.O.Ms.No.1950, Revenue (VA) Department, dated 30.12.2006, Government have created Revenue functionary at village level under the exclusive administrative control of the Tahsildars (Mandal Revenue Officers) to handle the work relating to Land and Revenue matters at the village level. Accordingly, in G.O.Ms.No.105, Revenue (VA.I) Department, dated 31.01.2007 orders were issued creating the post of Village Revenue Officer at Village level to strengthen the Village Administration. The erstwhile Village Administrative Officers

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who were working as Panchayat Secretaries and the Village Administrative Officers working as Part-time Assistants under the control of Mandal Parishad Development Officers in Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department were transferred and brought under the control of Tahsildars in Revenue Department with effect from 8.2.2007.

5. In G.O. fourth read above, Service Rules to the category of Village Revenue Officer have been issued.

6. In the representation fifth read above the Andhra Pradesh Village Revenue Officers Association and the Andhra Pradesh Revenue Services Association have requested to provide compassionate appointments to the spouse / children of the deceased Part-time Assistants as per rule 12 of the then Andhra Pradesh Village Administrative Officers Service Rules, 1990. The Associations have stated that similar category viz., Village Servants working in Revenue Department are having the provision of compassionate appointments to the spouse / dependent children of the deceased Village Servants. The Andhra Pradesh Village Revenue Officers Association has also requested to appoint the spouse / dependent children of the deceased Village Administrative Officers as Village Revenue Officers on compassionate grounds pending from 01.01.2002.

7. Government after careful examination, hereby accept the request of the Associations and decided to consider the spouse / dependent children of the deceased Part-time Assistants on par with spouse / dependent children of Village Revenue Officers for their appointment as Village Revenue Officer in Revenue Department on compassionate grounds, subject to condition that the applicants should submit their applications within the stipulated time and must have the requisite qualification and age for the said post and as per the orders issued by Government from time to time on compassionate appointment scheme.

8. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad / all the District Collectors in the State shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

9. Accordingly, the following notification shall be published in the A.P. Gazette:

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Andhra Pradesh makes the following amendments to the Andhra Pradesh Village Revenue Officers Service Rules issued in G.O.Ms.No.39, Revenue (VA) Department, dated 11.01.2008 and published in Andhra Pradesh Gazette, Part-I Extraordinary, dated 11th March 2008 and as subsequently amended.

AMENDMENT

In the said rules, after rule-13 the following rule shall be added, namely -

- 14 (1) The spouse or dependent son / daughter of deceased Village Revenue Officer (till such time, the person holding the post of Village Revenue Officer will be in service up to the age of superannuation of 58 years) will be considered for compassionate appointment for the post of Village Revenue Officer provided they possess the qualification of 10th Class pass. The age limits as stipulated in rule 12 of the Andhra Pradesh State & Subordinate Service Rules, 1996 shall be followed for these appointments.
- (2) The spouse or dependent son / daughter of deceased Part-time Assistants (till such time, the person holding the post of Part-time Assistant will be in service up to the age of superannuation of 62 years) will be considered for compassionate appointment for the post of Village Revenue Officer provided they possess the qualification of 10th Class pass. The age limits as stipulated in rule 12 of the Andhra Pradesh State and Subordinate Service Rules, 1996 shall be followed for these appointments.

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Provided that the cases shall be considered only in matters of death while in service;

Provided further that no voluntary retirement cases shall be considered;

Provided also that in so far as the Part-time Assistants are concerned retirement on medical grounds shall not be considered.

In view of the above amendment being issued to the Andhra Pradesh Village Revenue Officers Service Rules;

Note: The orders issued in G.O.Ms.No.446, Revenue (VO) Department, dated 24.7.2002 are hereby rescinded and the cases already disposed off under the said G.O. shall not be re-opened.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.SUDHIR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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